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(Memorandum submitted by the Office of Public Information)

The following proposals by the Office of Public Information are intended to assist the Special Committee established under General Assembly resolution 1775 (XVII) and to provide suggestions as to the information materials which the Office of Public Information would be in a position to produce in connexion with the 15th anniversary. The projects are divided into two categories:

(a) Those to be produced directly by OPI, either at Headquarters or through the Information Centres around the world;

(b) Those productions which can be stimulated by OPI through the provision of texts, translations and film footage or radio tapes, and then locally produced and disseminated by governmental or non-governmental organizations.

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(a) 1. A half-hour documentary script will be prepared using a universal approach to the Declaration of Human Rights. A programme along similar lines was also prepared in connexion with the 10th anniversary of the Declaration.

2. The output of Radio Services will throughout the year stress the theme of Human Rights, seeking special interviews with members of delegations and persons prominent in the Human Rights field. This material will be included in both regional and general programmes and will be stepped up during the year as the date of 10 December 1963 approaches. The monthly radio programme "Voices from the UN" will be used for this purpose with one complete programme devoted to the 15th anniversary.

3. The 15-minute film "Overture", which has a Human Rights theme, will be reissued and made available through OPI contacts with national film and television media. A one-minute film trailer on Human Rights will be prepared in a number of languages for film ar television distribution.

4. Arrangements will be made to reissue the existing filmstrip on Human Rights.

5. A 4-page pamphlet containing the complete text of the Declaration has been issued in approximately fifty languages over the past few years. Reprinting of these pamphlets in some of these languages is already under way. The handbook for teachers, "Teaching Human Rights", will be revised and it is hoped that it will be possible to issue the new edition in several languages before the end of the year.

6. Throughout the year the "United Nations Review" will carry special articles on Human Rights themes. These articles will be scheduled so as to culminate with the 10 December anniversary.

7. A revised edition for the 15th anniversary of the pamphlet "A Standard of Achievement" is being included in the publications programmes of the United Nations Information Centres. This pamphlet will be issued by the Centres in approximately twenty of the principal languages used in the Centres' areas.

8. The messages of the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General on the occasion of the 15th anniversary will be reproduced and disseminated by all OPI services in press releases, radio and film forms in as many languages as possible.

9. The "Notes for Speakers" prepared for United Nations Day 1963 will include emphasis on the theme of Human Rights and references to the 15th anniversary of the Declaration.

10. United Nations Information Centres will receive a summary report recalling the forms of activities used for celebration of the 10th anniversary and an outline of suggestions for observing the 15th anniversary.

11. Information Centres also will be encouraged to work through education ministries, universities and school systems in their areas in preparing observances of the 15th anniversary, establishing the teaching of Human Rights in school curricula and in organizing seminars on the subject.

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(b) 1. United Nations Information Centres will be encouraged to seek governmental or non-governmental organization support for reproducing and disseminating in the local languages in their areas wallsheets and leaflets on Human Rights and the text of the Declaration. In this connexion OPI will make available through the Information Centres the authorized texts of the Declaration in some fifty languages.

2. United Nations Information Centres will encourage the writing of feature and background articles for special journals in their areas, and will encourage the local production of film and TV programmes on Human Rights themes.

3. In this connexion OPI will supply, either through the Information Centres or directly, film and radio material to national networks willing to undertake local documentary programmes on Human Rights.

The Office of Public Information will organize on 10 December a special concert in the General Assembly hall to mark the 15th anniversary.

PUBLICATIONS

It is planned to issue the following publications in the languages and quantities noted against them:

1. Text of the Declaration with a short introduction:

Albanian	2,500
Amharic	5,000
Arabic	25,000
Bengali	3,000
Bulgarian	5,000
Burmese	10,000
Chinese	10,000
Danish	5,000
Dari	5,000
Dutch	10,000
English	100,000
Finnish	5,000
French	100,000
German	5,000
Greek	5,000

Gujarati	5,000
Gurumukhi	4,000
Hebrew	10,000
Hindi	10,000
Icelandic	5,000
Indonesian	15,000
Irish	2,500
Italian	5,000
Japanese	10,000
Kannada	2,000
Kinyarwanda	1,000
Kirundi	1,000
Lao	1,000
Macedonian	5,000
Malay	3,000
Nepalese	5,000
Norwegian	5,000
Oriya	4,000
Persian	5,000
Polish	5,000
Portuguese	15,000
Pushtu	5,000
Russian	3,000
Serbo-Croat	10,000
Sinhalese	5,000
Slovene	5,000
Spanish	100,000
Swahili	20,000
Swedish	5,000
Tamil	5,000
Telegu	3,000
Turkish	2,000
Urdu	5,000
Welsh	5,000

2. Revised special 15th Anniversary Edition of the booklet "A Standard of Achievement" in twenty principal languages of the world.

English	25,000*
French	20,000
Spanish	15,000
Russian	5,000
Chinese	10,000
Arabic	10,000
Swahili	5,000
Hindi	10,000
Tamil or one other Indian language	5,000
German	5,000
Urdu	5,000
Bengali	3,000
Persian	5,000
Italian	5,000
Japanese	10,000
Indonesian	5,000
Hebrew	3,000
Serbo-Croat	3,000
Portuguese	5,000
Danish	5,000

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* The quantities are based upon previous experience of distribution undertaken by Centres.

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